# A note on $\sigma$ -reversibility and $\sigma$ -symmetry of skew power series rings

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#### Abstract

Let R be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of R. In this note, we study the transfert of the symmetry ( $\sigma$ -symmetry) and reversibility ( $\sigma$ -reversibility) from R to its skew power series ring  $R[[x;\sigma]]$ . Moreover, we study on the relationship between the Baerness, quasi-Baerness and p.p.-property of a ring R and these of the skew power series ring  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  in case R is right  $\sigma$ -reversible. As a consequence we obtain a generalization of [10].

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#### 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper R denotes an associative ring with identity and  $\sigma$  denotes a nonzero non identity endomorphism of a given ring.

Recall that a ring is reduced if it has no nonzero nilpotent elements. Lambek [16], called a ring R symmetric if abc = 0 implies acb = 0 for  $a, b, c \in R$ . Every reduced ring is symmetric ([19, Lemma 1.1]) but the converse does not hold by [1, Example II.5]. Cohen [8], called a ring R reversible if ab = 0 implies ba = 0 for  $a, b \in R$ . It is obvious that commutative rings are symmetric and symmetric rings are reversible, but the converse does not hold by [1, Examples I.5 and II.5] and [17, Examples 5 and 7]. From [3], a ring R is called right (left)  $\sigma$ -reversible if whenever  $ab = \text{for } a, b \in R$ ,  $b\sigma(a) = 0$  ( $\sigma(b)a = 0$ ). R is called

 $\sigma$ -reversible if it is both right and left  $\sigma$ -reversible. Also, by [15], a ring R is called right (left)  $\sigma$ -symmetric if whenever abc=0 for  $a,b,c\in R$ ,  $ac\sigma(b)=0$  ( $\sigma(b)ac=0$ ). R is called  $\sigma$ -symmetric if it is both right and left  $\sigma$ -symmetric. Clearly right  $\sigma$ -symmetric rings are right  $\sigma$ -reversible.

Rege and Chhawchharia [18], called a ring R an Armendariz if whenever polynomials  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i$ ,  $g = \sum_{j=0}^{m} b_j x^j \in R[x]$  satisfy fg = 0, then  $a_i b_j = 0$  for each  $\overline{i,j}$ . The Armendariz property of a ring was extended to one of skew polynomial ring in [11]. For an endomorphism  $\sigma$  of a ring R, a skew polynomial ring (also called an Ore extension of endomorphism type)  $R[x;\sigma]$  of R is the ring obtained by giving the polynomial ring over R with the new multiplication  $xr = \sigma(r)x$  for all  $r \in R$ . Also, a skew power series ring  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is the ring consisting of all power series of the form  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$   $(a_i \in R)$ , which are multiplied using the distributive law and the Ore commutation rule  $xa = \sigma(a)x$ , for all  $a \in R$ . According to Hong et al. [11], a ring R is called σ-skew Armendariz if whenever polynomials  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i$  and  $g = \sum_{j=0}^{m} b_j x^j$  $\in R[x;\sigma]$  satisfy fg=0 then  $a_i\sigma^i(b_i)=0$  for each i,j. Baser et al. [4], introduced the concept of  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz rings. A ring R is called  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz if whenever pq = 0 for  $p = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$ ,  $q = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x;\sigma]]$ , then  $a_i b_j = 0$  for all i and j. According to Krempa [14], an endomorphism  $\sigma$ of a ring R is called rigid if  $a\sigma(a) = 0$  implies a = 0 for all  $a \in R$ . We call a ring  $R \sigma$ -rigid if there exists a rigid endomorphism  $\sigma$  of R. Note that any rigid endomorphism of a ring R is a monomorphism and  $\sigma$ -rigid rings are reduced by Hong et al. [10]. Also, by [15, Theorem 2.8(1)], a ring R is  $\sigma$ -rigid if and only if R is semiprime right  $\sigma$ -symmetric and  $\sigma$  is a monomorphisme, so right  $\sigma$ -symmetric ( $\sigma$ -reversible) rings are a generalization of  $\sigma$ -rigid rings.

In this note, we introduce the notion of  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz rings which is a generalization of  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz rings, and we study the transfert of the symmetry ( $\sigma$ -symmetry) and reversibility ( $\sigma$ -reversibility) from R to its skew power series ring  $R[[x;\sigma]]$ . Also we show that R is  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz if and only if R is  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz and  $a\sigma(b)=0$  implies ab=0 for  $a,b\in R$ . Moreover, we study on the relationship between the Baerness, quasi-Baerness and p.p.-property of a ring R and these of the skew power series ring  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  in case R is right  $\sigma$ -reversible. As a consequence we obtain a generalization of [10].

## 2 $\sigma$ -Reversibility and $\sigma$ -Symmetry of Skew Power Series Rings

We introduce the next definition.

**Definition 2.1.** Let R be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of R. A ring R

is called  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz if whenever pq=0 for  $p=\sum_{i=0}^{\infty}a_ix^i,\ q=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}b_jx^j\in R[[x;\sigma]],\ then\ a_i\sigma^i(b_j)=0$  for all i and j.

Every subring S with  $\sigma(S) \subseteq S$  of an  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz ring is a  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz ring. In the next, we give an example of a ring R which is  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz but not  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz.

**Example 2.2.** Let R be the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , and let the endomorphism  $\sigma \colon R \to R$  be defined by  $\sigma(f(x)) = f(0)$  for  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ . (i) R is not  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz because  $\sigma$  is not a monomorphism. (ii) R is an  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz ring (as in [11, Example 5]). Consider  $R[[y;\sigma]] = \mathbb{Z}_2[x][[y;\sigma]]$ . Let  $p = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i y^i$  and  $q = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} g_j y^j \in R[[y;\sigma]]$ . We have  $pq = \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \sum_{\ell = i+j} f_i \sigma^i(g_j) y^{\ell} = 0$ . If pq = 0 then  $\sum_{\ell = i+j} f_i \sigma^i(g_j) y^{\ell} = 0$ , for each  $\ell \geq 0$ . Suppose that there is  $f_s \neq 0$  for some  $s \geq 0$  and  $f_0 = f_1 = \cdots = f_{s-1} = 0$ , then  $\sum_{i+j=s} f_i \sigma^i(g_j) y^{i+j} = 0 \Rightarrow f_s \sigma^s(g_0) = 0$ , since R is a domain then  $g_0(0) = 0$ . Also  $\sum_{i+j=s+1} f_i \sigma^i(g_j) y^{i+j} = 0 \Rightarrow f_s \sigma^s(g_1) + f_{s+1} \sigma^{s+1}(g_0) = 0$ , since  $g_0(0) = 0$  then  $f_s \sigma^s(g_1) = 0$  and so  $g_1(0) = 0$  by the same method as above. Continuing this process, we have  $g_j(0) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$ . Thus  $f_i \sigma^i(g_j) = 0$  for all i, j.

We say that R satisfies the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_{\sigma})$ , if whenever  $a\sigma(b) = 0$  for  $a, b \in R$ , then ab = 0. By [4, Theorem 3.3(3iii)], if R is  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz then it satisfies  $(\mathcal{C}_{\sigma})$  (so  $\sigma$  is a monomorphism). If R is an  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz ring satisfying the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_{\sigma})$  then R is  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz.

**Theorem 2.3.** A ring R is  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz ring if and only if it is  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz and satisfies the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_{\sigma})$ .

Proof. ( $\Leftarrow$ ). It is clear. ( $\Rightarrow$ ). If R is  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz then it satisfies the condition ( $\mathcal{C}_{\sigma}$ ). It suffices to show that if R is  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz then it is  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz. The proof is similar as of [12, Theorem 1.8]. Let  $p = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$  and  $q = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x;\sigma]]$  with pq = 0. Note that  $a_j b_j = 0$  for all i and j. We claim that  $a_i \sigma^i(b_j) = 0$  for all i and j. We have  $(a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots)(b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots) = 0$ , then  $a_0(b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots) + (a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \cdots)(b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots) = 0$ . Since  $a_0 b_j = 0$  for all j, we get

$$0 = (a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots)(b_0 + b_1x + \cdots)$$
$$0 = (a_1 + a_2x + \cdots)x(b_0 + b_1x + \cdots)$$
$$0 = (a_1 + a_2x + \cdots)(\sigma(b_0)x + \sigma(b_1)x^2 + \cdots).$$

Put  $p_1 = a_1 + a_2 x + \cdots$  and  $q_1 = \sigma(b_0) x + \sigma(b_1) x^2 + \cdots$ . Since  $p_1 q_1 = 0$  then  $a_i \sigma(b_j) = 0$  for all  $i \ge 1$  and  $j \ge 0$ . We have, also

$$0 = a_1(\sigma(b_0)x + \sigma(b_1)x^2 + \cdots) + (a_2x + a_3x^2 + \cdots)(\sigma(b_0)x + \sigma(b_1)x^2 + \cdots).$$

Since  $a_1 \sigma(b_j) = 0$  for all j, then

$$0 = (a_2x + a_3x^2 + \cdots)(\sigma(b_0)x + \sigma(b_1)x^2 + \cdots)$$

$$0 = (a_2 + a_3 x + \cdots)(\sigma^2(b_0)x^2 + \sigma^2(b_1)x^3 + \cdots).$$

Put  $p_2 = a_2 + a_3x + a_4x^2 + \cdots$  and  $q_2 = \sigma^2(b_0)x^2 + \sigma^2(b_1)x^3 + \cdots$ , and then  $p_2q_2 = 0$  implies  $a_i\sigma^2(b_j) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 2$  and  $j \geq 0$ . Continuing this process, we can show that  $a_i\sigma^i(b_j) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 0$  and  $j \geq 0$ . Thus R is  $\sigma$ -skew (sps) Armendariz.

**Lemma 2.4.** Let R be an  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz ring. Then for  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$ ,  $g = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j$  and  $h = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \in R[[x;\sigma]]$ , if fgh = 0 then  $a_i b_j c_k = 0$  for all i, j, k.

*Proof.* Note that, if fg = 0 then  $a_ig = 0$  for all i. Suppose that fgh = 0 then  $a_i(gh) = 0$  for all i, and so  $(a_ig)h = 0$  for all i. Therefore  $a_ib_jc_k = 0$  for all i, j, k.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let R be an  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz ring. Then

- (1) R is reversible if and only if  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is reversible.
- (2) R is symmetric if and only if  $R[[x; \sigma]]$  is symmetric.

Proof. If  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is symmetric (reversible) then R is symmetric (reversible). Conversely, (1). Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$  and  $g = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j \in R[[x;\sigma]]$ , if fg = 0 then  $a_i b_j = 0$  for all i and j. By [4, Theorem 3.3 (3ii)], we have  $\sigma^j(a_i)b_j = 0$  for all i and j. Since R is reversible, we obtain  $b_j \sigma^j(a_i) = 0$  for all i and j. Thus  $gf = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=i+j} b_j \sigma^j(a_i) x^\ell = 0$ . (2). We will use freely [4, Theorem 3.3 (3ii)], reversibility and symmetry of R. Let  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$ ,  $g = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j x^j$  and  $h = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \in R[[x;\sigma]]$ , if fgh = 0 then  $a_i b_j c_k = 0$  for all i, j and k, by Lemma 2.4. Then for all i, j, k we have  $b_j c_k a_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma^k(b_j) c_k a_i = 0 \Rightarrow a_i \sigma^k(b_j) c_k = 0 \Rightarrow a_i c_k \sigma^k(b_j) = 0 \Rightarrow c_k \sigma^k(b_j) a_i = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma^i[c_k \sigma^k(b_j)] a_i = 0 \Rightarrow a_i \sigma^i[c_k \sigma^k(b_j)] = 0$ . Thus fhg = 0.

The next Lemma gives a relationship between  $\sigma$ -reversibility ( $\sigma$ -symmetry) and reversibility (symmetry).

**Lemma 2.6** ([5, Lemma 3.1]). Let R be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of R. If R satisfies the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_{\sigma})$ . Then

- (1) R is reversible if and only if R is  $\sigma$ -reversible;
- (2) R is symmetric if and only if R is  $\sigma$ -symmetric.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let R be an  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz ring. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) R is reversible (symmetric);
- (2) R is  $\sigma$ -reversible ( $\sigma$ -symmetric);
- (3) R is right  $\sigma$ -reversible (right  $\sigma$ -symmetric);
- (4)  $R[[x; \sigma]]$  is reversible (symmetric).

*Proof.* We prove the reversible case (the same for the symmetric case).

- $(1) \Leftrightarrow (4)$ . By Proposition 2.5.
- $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  and  $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ . Immediately from Lemma 2.6.
- (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Let  $a, b \in R$ , if ab = 0 then  $b\sigma(a) = 0$  (right  $\sigma$ -reversibility), so ba = 0 (condition  $(\mathcal{C}_{\sigma})$ ).

### 3 Related Topics

In this section we turn our attention to the relationship between the Baerness, quasi-Baerness and p.p.-property of a ring R and these of the skew power series ring  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  in case R is right  $\sigma$ -reversible. For a nonempty subset X of R, we write  $r_R(X) = \{c \in R | dc = 0 \text{ for any } d \in X\}$  which is called the right annihilator of X in R.

**Lemma 3.1.** If R is a right  $\sigma$ -reversible ring with  $\sigma(1) = 1$ . Then

- (1)  $\sigma(e) = e$  for all idempotent  $e \in R$ ;
- (2) R is abelian.

Proof. (1) Let e an idempotent of R. We have e(1-e)=(1-e)e=0 then  $(1-e)\sigma(e)=e\sigma((1-e))=0$ , so  $\sigma(e)-e\sigma(e)=e-e\sigma(e)=0$ , therefore  $\sigma(e)=e$ . (2) Let  $r\in R$  and e an idempotent of R. We have e(1-e)=0 then e(1-e)r=0, since R is right  $\sigma$ -reversible then  $(1-e)r\sigma(e)=0=(1-e)re=0$ , so re=ere. Since (1-e)e=0, we have also er=ere. Then R is abelian.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 3.2.** Let R be a right  $\sigma$ -reversible ring with  $\sigma(1) = 1$ , then the set of all idempotents in  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  coincides with the set of all idempotents of R. In this case  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is abelian.

*Proof.* We adapt the proof of [3, Theorem 2.13(iii)] for  $R[[x; \sigma]]$ . Let  $f^2 = f \in R[[x; \sigma]]$ , where  $f = f_0 + f_1x + f_2x^2 + \cdots$ . Then

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=i+j} f_i \sigma^i(f_j) x^{\ell} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_{\ell} x^{\ell}.$$

For  $\ell = 0$ , we have  $f_0^2 = f_0$ . For  $\ell = 1$ , we have  $f_0 f_1 + f_1 \sigma(f_0) = f_1$ , but  $f_0$  is central and  $\sigma(f_0) = f_0$ , so  $f_0 f_1 + f_1 f_0 = f_1$ , a multiplication by  $(1 - f_0)$  on the left hand gives  $f_1 = f_0 f_1$ , and so  $f_1 = 0$ . For  $\ell = 2$ , we have  $f_0 f_2 + f_1 \sigma(f_1) + f_2 \sigma^2(f_0) = f_2$ , so  $f_0 f_2 + f_2 f_0 = f_2$  (because  $f_1 = 0$  and  $\sigma^2(f_0) = f_0$ ), a multiplication by  $(1 - f_0)$  on the left hand gives  $f_0 f_2 = f_2 = 0$ . Continuing this procedure yields  $f_i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Consequently,  $f = f_0 = f_0^2 \in R$ . Since R is abelian then  $R[[x; \sigma]]$  is abelian.

Kaplansky [13], introduced the concept of  $Baer\ rings$  as rings in which the right (left) annihilator of every nonempty subset is generated by an idempotent. According to Clark [7], a ring R is called quasi-Baer if the right annihilator of each right ideal of R is generated (as a right ideal) by an idempotent. It is well-known that these two concepts are left-right symmetric. A ring R is called a  $right\ (left)\ p.p.-ring$  if the right (left) annihilator of an element of R is generated by an idempotent. R is called a p.p.-ring if it is both a right and left p.p.-ring.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let R be a right  $\sigma$ -reversible ring with  $\sigma(1) = 1$ . Then

- (1) R is a Baer ring if and only if  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is a Baer ring;
- (2) R is a quasi-Baer ring if and only if  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is a quasi-Baer ring.

Proof. ( $\Rightarrow$ ). Suppose that R is Baer. Let A be a nonempty subset of  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  and  $A^*$  be the set of all coefficients of elements of A. Then  $A^*$  is a nonempty subset of R and so  $r_R(A^*) = eR$  for some idempotent element  $e \in R$ . Since  $e \in r_{R[[x;\sigma]]}(A)$  by Lemma 3.1. We have  $eR[[x;\sigma]] \subseteq r_{R[[x;\sigma]]}(A)$ . Now, let  $0 \neq q = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \cdots \in r_{R[[x;\sigma]]}(A)$ . Then Aq = 0 and hence pq = 0 for any  $p \in A$ . Let  $p = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \cdots$ , then

$$pq = \sum_{\ell \ge 0} \sum_{\ell = i+j} a_i \sigma^i(b_j) x^\ell = 0.$$

- $\ell = 0$  implies  $a_0 b_0 = 0$  then  $b_0 \in r_R(A^*) = eR$ .
- $\ell = 1$  implies  $a_0b_1 + a_1\sigma(b_0) = 0$ , since  $b_0 = eb_0$  and  $\sigma(e) = e$  then  $a_0b_1 + a_1e\sigma(b_0) = 0$ , but  $a_1e = 0$  so  $a_0b_1 = 0$  and hence  $b_1 \in r_R(A^*)$ .
- $\ell = 2$  implies  $a_0b_2 + a_1\sigma(b_1) + a_2\sigma^2(b_0) = 0$ , then  $a_0b_2 + a_1e\sigma(b_1) + a_2e\sigma^2(b_0) = 0$ , but  $a_1e\sigma(b_1) = a_2e\sigma^2(b_0) = 0$ , hence  $a_0b_2 = 0$ . Then  $b_2 \in r_R(A^*)$ .

Continuing this procedure yields  $b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots \in r_R(A^*)$ . So, we can write  $q = eb_0 + eb_1x + eb_2x^2 + \dots \in eR[[x;\sigma]]$ . Therefore  $eR[[x;\sigma]] = r_{R[[x;\sigma]]}(A)$ . Consequently,  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is a Baer ring.

Conversely, Suppose that  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is Baer. Let B be a nonempty subset of R. Then  $r_{R[[x;\sigma]]}(B) = eR[[x;\sigma]]$  for some idempotent  $e \in R$  by Lemma 3.2. Thus  $r_R(B) = r_{R[[x;\sigma]]}(B) \cap R = eR[[x;\sigma]] \cap R = eR$ . Therefore R is Baer.

The proof for the case of the quasi-Baer property follows in a similar fashion; In fact, for any right ideal A of  $R[[x;\sigma]]$ , take  $A^*$  as the right ideal generated by all coefficients of elements of A.

From [10, Example 20],  $R = M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is a Baer ring and R[[x]] is not Baer. Clearly R is not reversible. So that, the "right  $\sigma$ -reversibility" condition in Theorem 3.3(1) is not superfluous.

According to Annin [2], a ring R is  $\sigma$ -compatible if for each  $a, b \in R$ ,  $a\sigma(b) = 0$  if and only if ab = 0. Hashemi and Moussavi [9, Corollary 2.14] have proved Theorem 3.3(2), when R is  $\sigma$ -compatible. Consider R and  $\sigma$  as in Example 2.2. Since R is a domain then it is right  $\sigma$ -reversible (with  $\sigma(1) = 1$ ). Also R is not  $\sigma$ -compatible (so R does not satisfy the condition  $(\mathcal{C}_{\sigma})$ ), because  $\sigma$  is not a monomorphism. Therefore Theorem 3.3(2) is not a consequence of [9, Corollary 2.14]. On other hand, if R is reversible then  $\sigma$ -compatibility implies right  $\sigma$ -reversibility. But, if R is not reversible, we can easily see that this implication does not hold.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let R be a right  $\sigma$ -reversible ring with  $\sigma(1) = 1$ . If  $R[[x; \sigma]]$  is a p.p.-ring then R is a p.p.-ring.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is a right p.p.-ring. Let  $a \in R$ , then there exists an idempotent  $e \in R$  such that  $r_{R[[x;\sigma]]}(a) = eR[[x;\sigma]]$  by Lemma 3.2. Hence  $r_R(a) = eR$ , and therefore R is a right p.p.-ring.

Also, in Example 2.2, R is not  $\sigma$ -(sps) Armendariz. So Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 3.4 are not consequences of [4, Theorem 3.2].

Since  $\sigma$ -rigid rings are right  $\sigma$ -reversible [15, Theorem 2.8 (1)], we have the following Corollaries.

**Corollary 3.5** ([10, Theorem 21]). Let R be an  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. Then R is a Baer ring if and only if  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is a Baer ring.

**Corollary 3.6** ([10, Corollary 22]). Let R be an  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. Then R is a quasi-Baer ring if and only if  $R[[x;\sigma]]$  is a quasi-Baer ring.

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